REMARKS

1.   The Applicant duly notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of claims 14 and 15 including allowable subject matter, and the indication of claims 4, 9, and 12 being allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

2.   The Applicant believes the indication of claim 12 being allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims to be in error as claim 12 depends from claim 11 which was previously amended to depend from claim 14. Claim 14 is indicated to include allowable subject matter, and as such claims 11 and 12 depending from claim 14 are in condition for allowance.

3.   Claim 4 as recited above is amended to include the limitations of claim 1 and intervening claim 3, and is now in condition for allowance.

4.   Claim 2 as amended and recited above adds additional features to independent claim 4 as recited above and thus is submitted to be a-fortiori, patentable.

5.   Claim 9 as recited above is amended to include the limitations of claim 5 and is now in condition for allowance.

6.   Claims 6, 7, and 8 as amended and recited above add additional features to independent claim 9 as recited above and thus are submitted to be a-fortiori, patentable.

7.   In view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that:

      Claims 2, 4, 6-9, 11, 12, 14, and 15 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections are requested. Allowance of claims 2, 4, 6-9, 11, 12, 14, and 15 at an early date is solicited.

The Examiner is hereby requested to telephone the undersigned agent of record at 727-538-4144 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the instant application.

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